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Union project "on schedule" despite delays



Cracking up over construction problems.
The foundation wall was straight until shifting as much as six feet.
File photo

by David Hile
News Editor

Despite delays due to excessive summer rains and the collapse of a foundation wall, the Hulman Memorial Union expansion project is expected to be completed on schedule.

Wayne Spary, director of physical plant services and overseer of the project, says that long days and work on Saturdays have helped put the project back on its original timetable. While lost time has not entirely been made up, enough progress has been made to put the task on path to be completed at the expected August 1, 1996 date.

The cracking foundation wall, moving as much as six feet in some areas, had to be removed and rebuilt. Workers had prematurely began to backfill before the bottom and intermediate

floors had been poured.

Spary said that this left the wall without any kind of lateral support to prevent the wall from buckling. He added that the wall removal and replacement cost the crew three weeks of time during summer construction.

Increased efforts to speed the project up have made Spary confident that phase one of the project will still be completed by the end of January. The crew has been playing catch up much of the last few weeks and is expected to make up all lost time.

Over Christmas break the new kitchen, some offices and meeting rooms in the new section are expected to be made ready for use. At this time, the old kitchen will be eliminated and students will be served in the new area.

Phase two involves more of the remodeling tasks associated

with the project. The remodeling includes conversion of the old kitchen area to offices. This phase is expected to be completed the first of August.

Summer rains also had an impact on construction. Excessive rains caused several delays in the pouring of concrete, which hampered the project as a whole. However, the original work schedule accounted for some lost time due to nature, so this has not been a major problem for the workers.

At the present time, the basement and first floor have been poured. In the next couple of weeks the remaining decking for other floors is expected to be ready. Two chillers, hot water tanks and cooling towers have recently been installed. Boilers are expected to be in place within two weeks.

Graduates score big on EIT

by David Hile
News Editor

Results are solid for last year's class of graduating engineers as the success rate on the Fundamentals of Engineering Exam reached 94 percent.

The Fundamentals of Engineering Exam, widely known as the Engineer in Training exam (EIT), is given annually to seniors in April. The test is designed to assess an engineering student's grasp of basic concepts.

Last year, 209 of 253 eligible Rose students participated in the exam given at universities throughout the nation. Of those taking the EIT at Rose, 94 percent tallied scores high enough to pass, according to James McKinney, civil engineering department chair and coordinator of the test.

Purdue and Notre Dame had similar passing percentages but had much smaller turnouts. At Purdue, only 429 students opted to take the EIT

while 69 participated from Notre Dame.

"I think [the EIT] is real important for the Rose student," commented McKinney on the advantages of taking the fundamentals test.

McKinney says this importance stems from the Institute's faith in the test. The exam is given nationwide to students during their last academic year and is commonly known and respected among employers.

In addition, McKinney feels that any student paying for four years of education at Rose should not pass up the opportunity to become a professional engineer.

The eight hour examination is divided into two parts. The morning test covers general topics in mathematics, chemistry, physics and engineering economics. The afternoon session deals with fundamental engineering concepts from all disciplines.

In previous years, this sec-

ond session allowed for students to pick and choose those questions they wished to answer. However, this practice has been phased out and all students, regardless of field of study, work the same problems.

The EIT is the first step in becoming a licensed professional engineer. In Indiana, (the rules vary from state to state) before becoming a professional engineer, a graduate must have four years of on-the-job engineering experience. After this time, a second examination, called the Principles and Practice Exam, is required.

Unlike the EIT, the Principles and Practice Exam deals with an individual's area of concentration.

McKinney says much of the EIT test covers material through the sophomore year. Students looking to prepare often review material dating back to the concepts learned in earlier courses and by studying in areas outside of their majors.

Harry S Truman Scholarships

Every year the Harry S Truman Scholarship Foundation awards 75-85 scholarships worth \$30,000 each to college juniors interested in the pursuing a career in public service. This might include employment in government agencies, legislatures, foreign service, education, or the staffs of not-for-profit organization. Applicants should be near the top of their class academically.

They also should have a diversity of co-curricular activities and considerable experience in volunteer organizations. Any student interested in applying this year or

in the years ahead should contact Dr. Pickett (x8303) in Moench A204.

Pre-law Notice - Any student interested in the possibility of a career in law or attending law school upon graduation from Rose-Hulman should contact the pre-law advisor, Dr. Pickett, at extension 8303 or stop by his office Moench A204. In addition to providing advice about these things, he can include your name on his mailing list so that you will receive notice of events such as the law school admissions conference that will occur in October.

Fast Forward reels teens into engineering careers

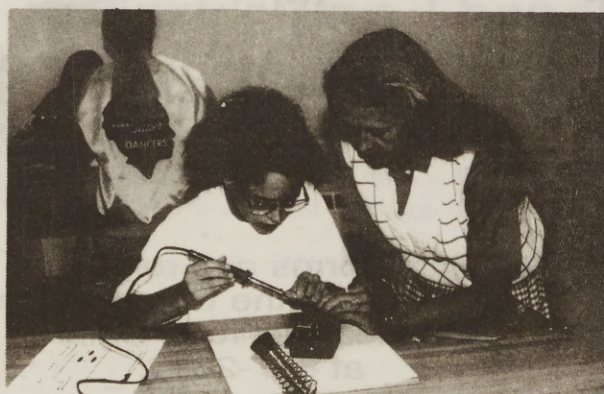
In its second year, the Fast Forward program continued to introduce curious girls to the world of engineering principles and applications.

The goal of the five-day session held at Rose-Hulman is to interest students who have completed the seventh or eighth grade in areas of mathematics and science.

Susan Smith, assistant professor of English and the director of the program, said that the "hope is

that [participants] will be encouraged to take more math and science courses at the high school level so that they could pursue a technical career."

Smith says that the age group of the program was selected so that students entering the ninth grade will have some opportunity to see applications of a math or science education. In many high schools this is the critical time for students to select the path of classes which



Susan Smith aids a student during Fast Forward

The program emphasizes practical engineering applications. Students come away with a greater understanding of math and science.

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**MEETINGS / GATHERINGS**

- Sat., Sept. 16 — Gun Club Range Work Day, Gun Club Room, 8 a.m.
 Tue., Sept. 19 — Physics & Applied Optics Colloquium, "Physics Behind Toner Technology Used In Xerographic Copies," Shu Chang, Project Leader of Joseph Wilson Center For Research/Xerox Corp., CL-119, 4:20 p.m.
 Wed., Sept. 20 — President's Administrative Council, PA Room, 8 a.m.
 Fri., Sept. 22 — Gun Club Range Setup, Gun Club Room, 3:30 p.m.
 Wed., Sept. 27 — President's Administrative Council, PA Room, 8 a.m.
 Wed., Sept. 27 — Drama Club New York Theatre Trip Informational Meeting, Moench Auditorium, 6:30 p.m.

**SPORTS**

- Sat., Sept. 16 — Athletic Hall Of Fame Induction, E-104, 10:30 a.m.
 Sat., Sept. 16 — Football, University Of The South, 1:30 p.m. (WSDM-AM 1130, 1:15 p.m.)
 Sat., Sept. 16 — Cross Country, at Principia College Invitational, Elsay, Ill., 11 a.m.
 Sat., Sept. 16 — Soccer, Univ. of Indianapolis, Jim Rendel Field, 11:30 a.m.
 Sat., Sept. 23 — Soccer, at MacMurray College, Jacksonville, Ill., 11 a.m.
 Sat., Sept. 23 — Gun Club, First Shooting Day, Gun Club Room, 8 a.m.
 Wed., Sept. 27 — Soccer, Anderson University, Jim Rendel Field, 4 p.m.
 Sat., Sept. 30 — Football, at Anderson University, 1:30 p.m. (WSDM-AM 1130, 1:15 p.m.)
 Sat., Sept. 30 — Soccer, North Central College, Jim Rendel Field, 3 p.m.

**ADDITIONALLY...**

- Fri., Sept. 15 — Admissions Office Open House, Moench Hall Auditorium, 1 p.m.
 Sun., Sept. 17 — Rose Family Picnic, Lions Shelter No. 2, Deming Park, 5 p.m.
 Mon., Sept. 18 — Army ROTC Rappelling/Confidence Course Exercises, Noon-4 p.m. (daily through Sept. 21)
 Fri., Sept. 22 — Admissions Office Open House, Moench Hall Auditorium, 1 p.m.
 Mon., Sept. 25 — Army ROTC Battalion Run, Deming Park, 5:45 a.m.
 Tues. - Thurs., Sept. 26, 27, 28 — Farm Progress Show, Rose-Hulman Exhibit (Lots 1117/1119), 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 Fri., Sept. 29 — Homecoming Queen Contest Primary Elections, Commons
 Fri. - Sat., Sept. 29, 30 — Army ROTC Fall Retreat

SUBMISSIONS TO CAMPUS EVENTS

Events may be published in *Campus Events* by any organization or individual. Simple announcements of times and locations may be submitted to Campus Calendar, in care of Dale Long, associate director of communications, at Box 14 or extension 8418. More detailed articles containing plans, agendas, and specific information should be submitted to the *Rose Bush*, via Karen Pershing in the mailroom.

All submissions must be made by Wednesday, at noon, in order to be published in *Campus Events* in the *Rose Thorn* on Friday.

**Homecoming
Queen Contest**

Entry forms and rules are available at the Union Office or by calling Todd Smaka at 877-2612.

Deadline: September 22, 1995

**ENTERTAINMENT / LEISURE**

- Sat., Sept. 16 — Educational Drama Workshop, "La Carpa," Featuring Shari Aronson, Moench Hall Auditorium, 8:30 p.m.
 Tue., Sept. 19 — Film Class Presentation, "Shanghai Express," A-203, 7 p.m.
 Wed., Sept. 20 — HSLs Film Series, "Star Wars Trilogy, Part II," GM Room, 7:30 p.m.
 Sat., Sept. 23 — Fine Arts Series, "The Singing Hoosiers," Moench Hall Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
 Tues., Sept. 26 — Film Class Presentation, "Letter From An Unknown Person," A-203, 7 p.m.
 Wed., Sept. 27 — HSLs Film Series, "Star Wars Trilogy, Part III," GM Room, 7:30 p.m.

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**EDUCATIONAL
DRAMATIC WORKSHOP**

The Department of Humanities, Social & Life

Sciences and Indiana Gas are sponsoring "La Carpa", at 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, September 16 in Moench Hall Auditorium. Actress Shari Aronson's one-woman interactive workshop will replicate the traveling "poor man's" tent show that roamed throughout the southwestern U.S. in the 1890s - 1950s. The show is free and open to the campus community.

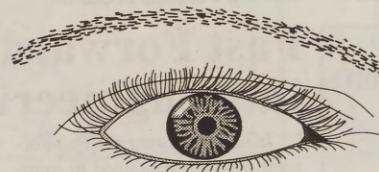
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Several frosh vie for presidency in Tuesday's election

Ben Byers
SGA Publicity Director

As classes resumed on a positive note with coeducation and the introduction of the laptop computers for freshmen, involvement in Rose-Hulman Student Government seems very promising for the 1995-96 school year.

Elections of the new Student Government Association Senate and Freshman Class President are Tuesday, September 19, 1995. The race for Freshman Class President looks to be highly contested with seven qualified candidates running to win the election.

The candidates are Michael Bach, Jonothon Cawley, Saigovind Dandapani, Jamie Funk, Nathan Ingalsbe, Nathan Linen, and Matthew Simon.

Michael Bach is a chemical engineering major from Bellevue, Washington. Mike gained a great deal of leadership and organizational experience through his involvement in Boy Scouts of America. This is indicated by his attainment of the highest award in Scouting, Eagle Scout. He has also held many demanding leadership positions while participating in Scouting. He believes a class president should unite his class through class events and trips by

displaying and providing energy to his classmates. He is excited about his opportunity, and he wants to make this the best class ever at Rose-Hulman.

Jonathan Cawley is a multi-major student from Elkhart, Indiana. He has plans to major in Math, Physics, or Computer Science. John has gained leadership qualities in a wide range of clubs at his former high school. He was president of his high school chess club, an officer in his high school speech club, and he is currently serving as "Fuse Chief" for the bonfire. He believes his role as class president, if elected, would be to represent the views, opinions, and concerns of the people who elected him. He will listen to his classmates, striving to attain higher standards for his entire class.

Saigovind Dandapani is a mechanical engineer from Coimbatore, India. Saigovind feels he had a very strong high school background. He wants to improve upon the lap top program currently in place at Rose. He plans to do this by instituting more Maple Help Sessions. He wants to develop Rose-Hulman and make it a more interesting place to go to college.

Jamie Funk is a computer engineering major from Scottsburg, Indiana. Jamie has been involved in many events which have given leadership qualities. While a member of her high school's student council, Jamie attended Senator Richard Lugar's Symposium for Tomorrow's Leaders. She was also the yearbook editor, captain of the varsity tennis team, and spent much time as a peer tutor. Due to her open-mindedness, optimism, and organizational skills she believes, if given the opportunity, she could be a great president for this year's freshmen class. She wants to organize class trips and events which will allow the class to bond and grow together.

Nathanial Ingalsbe is a math and computer science double major from Selma, Indiana. He has gained experience by holding several leadership positions at his high school and the Indiana Academy. He served two years as his class vice-president. At the Academy, he served on student council for two years and was a resident assistant for one year. Nathan, if elected, plans to represent the attitudes and concerns of the Freshmen Class. He believes he can best serve his class with integrity and dedication.

Nathan Linen is a computer science major from Montpelier, Indiana. He was involved in his high school's chapter of National Honor Society, Science Club Treasurer, and a member of the Executive Board of the Foreign Language Club. He is open-minded and plans to listen to all suggestions provided by his classmates. He plans to work to the best of his ability to serve his class. He takes much pride in his interest and knowledge of politics, and he is eager to serve his class.

Matthew Simon is a chemical engineering major from Terre Haute, Indiana. He served as the advertising manager for his newspaper, was a member of drama club and democrat club, and spent much time developing peer leadership. He feels that the role of the class president is to serve his classmates. If elected, he would like to develop a scholarship for incoming freshmen. He is a member of his own band and intends to have a class party at which his band will play if he is elected.

FORWARD

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prepares them for college.

The primary project for the campers this year was to design, build and test a solar-powered watercraft. Teams of two to three girls worked on this task throughout the five-day session before racing their craft on the last day of camp.

Students spent time in the machine shop building their racing vessels and tested the craft's effectiveness on a small testing pool.

Other topics covered computer simulations using working model software and mathematics

lessons in fractals and chaos.

In addition, the group discussed plastics and recycling in the chemistry laboratory where they looked at different fibers and learned some reactivity of plastics.

Each individual built her own telescope to demonstrate the ideas behind lenses. This was followed by an evening at the Rose observatory to use the Institute's telescopes.

President Hulbert gave a lecture on Engineering Developments in the Medical Fields, introducing the participants to some practical applications of material they had seen during the program.

Smith said that students were

excited to tackle practical engineering applications in a laboratory or on a computer simulation. Hands on approaches used throughout the camp appealed to the campers natural curiosity.

Smith says that campers were selected on a first-come-first-serve basis. Middle school teachers in a three hour radius of Terre Haute were sent information of the program to give to students who showed an inkling for math and science.

Out-of-state registration was bolstered by advertisements provided in the *Echoes*. Overall, twelve different states were represented among the 58 campers who attended the two sessions.

Student comments were extremely positive about the Fast Forward program. It received a 3.95 rating, on a scale to four, from the campers at the end of the sessions.

Rose Hulman
Catholic Student Association
formerly
St. Joseph's Campus Center

Some Things You Ought to Know

Saturday Evening Mass - begins September 2nd at 7:00 pm. We celebrate the Eucharist in the PR Room of the Student Union.

Saturday, September 9th - Special Mass Time: 5:00. Special Place: Outdoors (by the volleyball courts). Mass will be followed by a picnic sponsored by St. Joseph Campus Center (Catholic Campus Ministry for all students of area campuses) and games.

Campus Ministry Office Hours: Wednesdays from 12 noon 'til 2 pm. In the music room of the Student Union.

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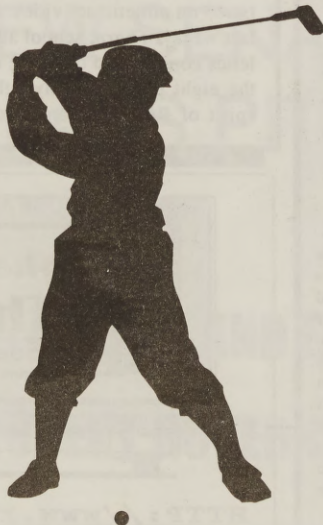
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WASHINGTON -- Exhilaration can subvert precision, and did when a State Department spokesman said, in the wake of the work done by the Croatian army and NATO bombers, that Serbia's drive for a Greater Serbia is over. Actually, putting in place part of Serbia's aspiration is now a part of U.S. and NATO policy, and perhaps should be.

History's latest lesson concerning life's tragic dimension is this: Ethnic cleansing, a war crime, might have been a prerequisite for peace. Years of fighting may have produced the elements of a political solution--the rough outlines of three ethnically homogenous entities. That such homogeneity is necessary is a measure of the backwardness still prevailing in portions of Europe, but facts must be faced.

And here is another to be faced: Those who say that it is always wrong for force to draw borders are wrong. Some arguments can only be settled by force. This is not to say that might makes right, only that might can serve right, and might can make peace on occasions when an unjust peace is preferable to the cost of the pursuit of justice. Furthermore, the nation currently in possession of Texas and California can never say "never!" about

the use of force to augment a nation.

Richard Holbrooke, the assistant secretary of state in charge of unscrambling the broken eggs that are the former Yugoslavia, says that all sides agree with the numbers in the international proposal that calls for 51 percent of Bosnia to be a Muslim-Croat federation and 49 percent to be a Serbian entity. There are four possible reasons for Holbrooke to claim such agreement: It is real, he believes it to be real, he hopes that saying it is real will help make it real, or any slippage from this position will make it impossible to begin negotiations.

Holbrooke adds that each side's cartographic version of 51-49 looks awfully like 60-40 in their favor. But solving that practical problem first requires the setting aside of a moral problem. It is that any version of 49 percent of Bosnia for Serbs not only rewards the aggression planned and sustained from Belgrade, it rewards it by essentially fulfilling one of Serbia's war aims, the establishment of an adjunct of Serbia in Bosnia. This is a significant element of the dream of Greater Serbia.

The Bosnian Serbs, whose reserves of audacity are akin to Saudi Arabia's reserves of oil, have suggested that any pullback they make from embattled "safe areas" such as Sarajevo will be conditional on the Bosnian government's agreement not to exploit such pullbacks. One cannot envy Holbrooke's task of explaining to Bosnia's government why it should not exploit any opportunity to re-

establish sovereignty over territory wrested from it.

Now Holbrooke must be prepared to spoil the crease in the knees of his trousers, as Woodrow Wilson did in 1919 in Paris at the peace negotiations that produced, among much else, Yugoslavia. We have from a participant's letter a memorable vignette: "We went into the next room where the floor was cleared and Wilson spread out a big map (made in our office) and got down on his hands and knees to show us what had been done." What had been done, as Italy's prime minister, Vittoria Orlando, crawled over on hands and knees to inspect, if

not admire, was a depiction of how America thought Europe should be arranged.

Such depictions were partly the product of the Inquiry, a group, including the 28-year-old Walter Lippmann, that, beginning in 1917, worked secretly in New York on ideas for bringing Europe's borders and ethnicities into more rational relationships, as the likes of Lippmann understood rationality. The trouble was, and is, that as Lippmann wrote in 1915, "When you consider what a mystery the East Side of New York is to the West Side, the business of arranging the world to the satisfaction of the people in it

may be seen in something like its true proportions."

The proportions of Holbrooke's problem can be gauged by the fact that some parties in the dispute think that even Sarajevo's status as a unified multiethnic city is negotiable. And there may still be an asymmetry in the equation: The NATO allies want to end the warring, others still want to win it. The others include the Bosnian Serbs, who control 21 percent more of Bosnia than they are supposed to wind up with. So Holbrooke should draw his maps with pencils not pens; and should expect the erasers to wear out faster than the lead.

Renovations should not be limited to athletic facilities

by Michael Bickel
Thorn Columnist

This week at the union office I've noticed the usual collage of newspaper clippings pertaining to our worthy institution. There were a few about co-education, and some about grants the school has received. Most of them were about football and soccer. In a few months, basketball will dominate the board, and after that, baseball.

Meanwhile, articles about cross country, track, tennis, rifle team, and swimming will filter through. Anyone can see that sports are a big part of this school's public image as well as its self image.

The next big renovation project on campus is the athletic facilities. This is part of the "Vision to be the Best", a project to draw public attention and recruit more multi-talented students to Rose. Anyone who participates understands how important facilities are to performance and pride, and understands how necessary this is.

No one should be alienated from the school of his or her choice simply because it lacks adequate facilities for the activity he or she loves.

On the other hand, there is more to Rose-Hulman than sports. Of over 26 clubs in this school, only seven are based on athletic activities. In last week's *Thorn*, school athletics commanded only one of the eight pages. Clearly, the spirit of Rose-Hulman is too

big to be contained in this one category. For those who look deeply, there is something for everybody.

Although other activities are available, they often do not get the same attention and recognition. Consequently, these activities do not get multi-million dollar renovation projects.

For example, Rose Drama Club, an entity about as big as the football team (and capable of drawing a larger audience), performs on a decrepit old stage in the Moench hall auditorium. Students must literally build temporary additions to the stage each year to perform on. Except for the artistic brilliance of a few people, RDC would be as dead as the moribund auditorium. There are no plans to build a new one.

The biggest inequality of this nature is the Rose-Hulman band. The band practices behind the auditorium in one cluttered room, which it shares with the glee club (while the rifle team practices in the next room). Members of the band tell me there are not enough functional instruments to go around, and all the ones owned are very old or second-hand. Numerous people have told me, "I would join the band, but, well, they're really not that good. My high school band was a lot better." Members of the band are dedicated and enthusiastic, but restricted by the equipment they use.

Is Rose-Hulman alienating current and potential stu-

dents by this lack of recognition for the performing arts?

Indiana, the leading supplier of Rose students, is famous for its high school bands' prowess. Surely, there are many multi-talented high school students who consider Rose a second rate school because of its band facilities. Even those dedicated members of the band admit that they really don't have enough to work with.

What is a college football game without a band? Very few students bother to show up for Rose Football, even though we have a very good team. Could it be that we lack something in school spirit? The band is as important as the players in bringing a little pride to the sideline.

Look at University of Michigan and Notre Dame. Do any college football teams have more pride or more enthusiastic fans? It's no coincidence that these two teams have huge marching bands to keep the audience alert. Television crews never fail to scope out these school bands at halftime. Yet the band appears to be the last priority here; while millions go for new locker rooms. Don't tell me the money just isn't here. It can be, or will be. If Rose-Hulman really wants to be the best, we're going to have to make all the facilities as important as the athletic ones.

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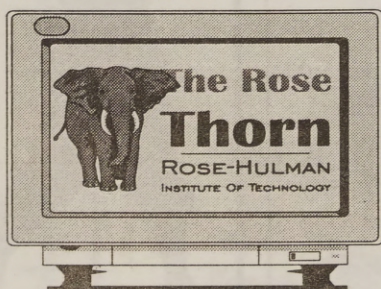
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Fears on the same gene with sexuality

Steven Williams
Features Editor

I've never been accused of being heterophobic. The fact is, heterophobic isn't even a word. But why not? We have a word for irrational fear of homosexuals and homosexuality. Why not have a word to mean an irrational fear of heterosexuals?

If such a word existed, would I qualify as being heterophobic? I must admit that I do fear certain heterosexuals. I worry about people like Jesse Helms and Newt Gingrich who would readily classify me as immoral or unnatural simply because I identify as something besides heterosexual.

However, I wouldn't classify this as heterophobia. Being heterophobic, would imply that I feared all heterosexuals. I don't. I dislike some of the things I've heard a couple of people say, and those people happened to be heterosexual. The fact is, I dislike some of the things said by *homosexuals* as well. My dislike of a person has nothing to do with their sexuality.

Very few people would fit the definition of heterophobic, if the word were to come into existence. Instead of trying to bring this word into existence, it would be more profitable to ask why we need a word like "homophobic".

The word homophobic does exist. This existence suggests that there are at least a few people who

fit the definition of homophobic. There are people who would fear or dislike a person simply because of their sexuality.

Some people have even suggested that homophobia is a "natural repulsion". This means that certain people are born with special hatred-genes. These genes when triggered cause a person to be "naturally repulsed" from anyone who has a homosexual thought.

Some sadistic part of my mind thinks this is a neat idea and that

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perhaps I could win a Nobel Prize for proving the existence of these genes. A more realistic part of my mind tells me that I won't win a Nobel Prize because these genes do not exist.

As we are growing up, we learn. We "learn" to be repulsed by certain things. We learn not to touch a hot stove or to stare directly into a bright light because these actions can cause us harm. These repulsions are seldom inborn. We have to get burned before we can learn.

Repulsions are not always in our favor and sometimes must be overcome. A person may develop a repulsion or a fear of public speaking. Sometimes, it is necessary to overcome such a fear.

What is to be said of a "repulsion" to homosexuality? Where does it come from if it's not natural or inborn? Perhaps it is a "learned repulsion". If this is the case, where is it learned? The answer to this question is not simple. It would be easy to blame Newt Gingrich, the Religious Right, or the media, but placing this blame cannot fully answer the question.

Why are some people homophobic, and others not? If hatred-genes existed, we could easily answer this question. Assuming they don't exist, the answer becomes more difficult.

If I ask myself, "Why am I not homophobic?" the answer is clear. I am surrounded by heterosexuals. The majority of my friends are heterosexual. I have no need to fear my friends, and my friends have no reason to fear me. And perhaps part of the answer to the previous questions lies here as well.

If heterophobia doesn't exist because of the relative visibility of heterosexuality, then perhaps homophobia exists because of the relative invisibility of homosexuality. If this is the case, then one way to lessen homophobia is to get to know people who are not strictly heterosexual.

A little bit of pulp fiction

Greg Hawkins
Thorn Columnist

When I looked into my rearview mirror, I recognized the pulsating red and blue lights. If it were near midnight he would not pose a threat to me, but it was almost an hour after noon and he was following me as if he had a rope tied to my rear spoiler. There was no shaking him. When I purchased this new 1995 lightning red Porsche 911 Turbo, I never thought that I would get to put it to such great use.

This pig had clocked me at 80 mph in a school zone. No need to cry over spilled milk though, I'm taking off. After glancing in my rear-view mirror, I pounded my foot onto the accelerator and my body was almost thrust into the back seat. As soon as his picture began to fade, I noticed a young florally dressed girl running across the street. I immediately downshifted to fifth and the engine screamed like a banshee. I saw a street off to the side, but there was no way that I was going to make it at this speed. Damn that thought, this was my only chance. After shifting to sixth, I buried my foot back into the carpet, my tires smoked while my engine reassured me that I was a god and begged for traction. I turned the wheel while pulling up on the emergency brake. The back tires slipped into the turn as expected, the brake was returned to rest, and I continued further, tossing leaves and dust from the curb into the air.

In my excitement, I neglected to note that this was a one way street. My shuttle was brought to a screeching halt a few feet before I had personally met a group of trees that begged for me to continue forward. My eyes jerked to look into the rear-views and there he was slowly flashing over the hill. I was definitely caught now, suddenly I shifted into reverse, slammed on the accelerator and proceeded directly toward him. A second before impact I did a "Dukes of Hazard" 180 degree turn. I burned right past him and brought him to a cursing stop. As soon as I jumped over the slight hill, I recognized four more pigs positioned lengthwise across the intersection with shotgun barrels that seemed chant me a death song. They said something like, "Stop or we will be forced to fire upon you!" My body tightened as I barrelled down, once again, on the accelerator.

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Hinkle ties NCAA record as Engineers win, 35-15

by Chip Bradway
Sports Editor

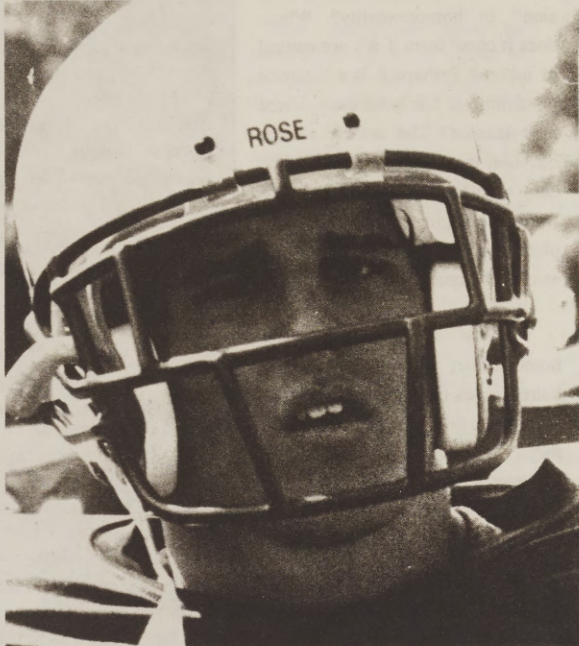
This weekend the Rose-Hulman football team will set its sights on their second win in a row as they play host to The University of the South.

Rose owns a 11-4-0 record versus the Tigers including a 37-14 win in Sewanee last year.

The Tigers opened their season last week, losing to NCAA I-AA opponent Davidson, 21-14. The game will follow the induction of 9 new members into the Rose-Hulman Athletic Hall of Fame. Kickoff is set for 1:30.

Last weekend, the Engineer football team traveled to Mississippi for a game with host Millsaps College. The 10 hour trip made the team sluggish in the first quarter, as they fell behind 9-0.

The Engineers then rolled off 35 unanswered points in the next 3 quarters. Millsaps closed out the scoring to make the final count, 35-15. The win was the



Sophomore cornerback Tony Hinkle tied an NCAA record by returning an interception 100 yards for a touchdown.

Photo by Darin Bryan

first of the year for the Engineers, now 1-1 on the year.

The Engineers defense was the key, as they caused 5 turnovers on the day.

The biggest of the day came as sophomore cornerback Tony Hinkle stepped in front of a pass 2 yards deep in his own endzone and rambled roughly 102 yards for a score.

The interception, officially labeled 100 yards by the NCAA, tied the record for the longest return in history.

Hinkle became the 24th player in NCAA Division III history to accomplish this feat.

The Engineers opened their scoring as Todd Harris went in on a 2 yard run from scrimmage, closing the score to 9-7. After a Stuart Quay touchdown, and another by Harris, Rose went into halftime with a 21-9 lead.

In the third quarter, Junior tailback A.J. Wilkerson scored from four yards out on a Harris pitch, making the score 28-9.

The final score for the Engineers came on Hinkle's interception return.

Head Coach Scott Duncan stated, "That was a very important win for us to collect, before coming home to open the season. I was very proud of the way our defense played."

Junior fullback Stuart Quay led the way on the ground for the Engineers, as he tallied 162 yards on 16 carries and one touchdown.

Harris added 62 yards on 14 carries with 2 scores.

On Defense, Senior Mark Wolfe recovered 2 fumbles and caused another to go along with his nine tackles.

Junior Brian Crissman had 11 tackles, two tackles for a loss and two pass break-ups and Freshman Bryan Hagelskamp made nine tackles in his first collegiate start at linebacker.

Senior cornerback added an interception for the Engineers.

Engineers Finish Second at Millikin

by Mark Law
Sports Reporter

The Rose-Hulman cross country team finished second in a field of six teams this past Saturday at the Millikin Invitational. However, they were unable to defeat conference foe Depauw.

The Engineers ran without the services of Jason Long who was on army reserve duty over the weekend. Coach Welch stated, "I thought we stepped up a notch, trying to make up for the loss of Long. Although we were unable to break

up the top three runners from Depauw, we had good packing in our top five group."

The team was led by senior Mark Law, who finished fourth with a time of 22:10 for the four mile course. He was followed by Nate Terpstra and freshman Dan Brier, who finished sixth in 22:26 and eighth in 22:42, respectively.

Kenny Anderson and Jared Cornelius rounded out the top five scorers for the Engineers.

The team's next race, the first 8k of the year, is this Saturday at Principia College in Illinois.

Results from the Milikin College Cross Country Invitational (4 Mi)

Name	Time	Place	Name	Time	Place
Mark Law	16:33	23	Ryon Sumner	17:11	37
Nathan Terpstra	16:34	24	Bryan Gill	17:46	43
Daniel Brier	16:44	29	Daniel Tews	18:02	48
Kenny Anderson	16:45	30	David Sandquist	18:05	49
Jared Cornelius	17:09	36	Daniel Hohne	18:28	51

Penn State basketball coach resigns

by College Press Service

Penn State Basketball coach Bruce Parkhill, one of college basketball's most determined figures, has decided to call it quits.

Citing a loss of passion for his job, Parkhill, 46, announced his decision to leave the basketball team before the 1995-96 season begins. Parkhill had coached the Nittany Lions since 1983.

"I just haven't enjoyed coaching as much as I used to. I've been contemplating this decision for the past seven or eight years, but each summer I got rejuvenated and came back," Parkhill said at the press conference announcing his retirement. "I just didn't have the same enthusiasm for the job."

Athletic director Tim Curley said

Parkhill will be replaced by Jerry Dunn, Parkhill's longtime assistant.

While Parkhill said he has no plans to return to coaching, he will remain on as assistant athletic director.

Although Penn State became a member of the Big Ten last season, Parkhill spent most of his 12 seasons recruiting for a basketball team without any conference affiliation - an often difficult task for college coaches.

Despite the hindrance, Parkhill compiled a 181-169 record and enjoyed five 20-victory seasons, as well as a berth in the NCAA tournament and two trips to the final four of the NIT.

Dunn begins this season with a new prize: the new 15,000-seat Bryce Jordan Center, which will house Penn State basketball games starting in January.

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The 1995 college football pre-season round-up

By Marco Buscaglia
College Press Service

Another college football season is beginning. And like most seasons, there's no telling what could happen by the time post-season play rolls around. Here are some fun facts about the 1995 season:

Bowled Over

Despite their No. 1 ranking at the end of last season, not everyone was convinced that Nebraska deserved the national title. In fact, many Penn State fans still have a hard time accepting that despite a perfect record, the Nittany Lions could muster no better than No. 2 in the polls.

All fans agree that the best way to settle the score would have been to have the two teams meet on the field. But since the Big Ten champion is locked into the Rose Bowl, the dream match-up was impossible.

Now, however, there is some talk that the prestigious Rose Bowl may one day join the Bowl Alliance. For the next three years, Bowl Alliance members—the Fiesta, Orange and Sugar bowls—will take turns inviting the top two teams in the nation to play for the top rank-

ing.

The other bowls will pit the third-ranked team against No. 4 and the fifth-ranked team against No. 6. But after 1998, who knows?

Both Big Ten and Pac-10

officials have indicated that they will take a look at the Rose Bowl arrangement between now and then, and could enter into the Bowl Alliance by the end of the century.

Tough Luck

Michigan State has the toughest schedule in college football this year, facing opponents who had a combined record of 72-45-5 last season, according to rankings in the NCAA News.

Surprisingly, the Temple Owls, who finished 2-9 last season, have the second toughest schedule, facing Kansas State, West Virginia, Penn State, Syracuse, Miami and Boston College in a seven-week stretch.

Colorado will face the third toughest set of foes, with Florida State, Louisiana State, Alabama, North Carolina, Michigan, Northwestern and Miami round-

ing out the top 10. Nebraska, last year's national champion, has the 46th toughest schedule, while Penn State, the nation's only other undefeated team, ranks 34th.

The Name Game

There's no telling what could happen by the time post-season play rolls around

Despite the run-of-the-mill Eagles vs. the Wildcats matchups that sports fans have become accustomed to, there are plenty of original school nicknames out there.

To name a few...

Shades of Victory: Chicago Maroons, Dartmouth Big Green, Illinois College Blueboys, Denison Big Red, Hawaii Rainbow Warriors, Henderson State Reddies, Western Maryland Green Terror, Canisus Golden Griffins, Presbyterian Blue Hose, Tulane Green Wave, St. John's (NY) Red Storm, John Carroll Blue Streaks, Gustavus Adolphus Golden Gusties, Kent Golden Flashes, St. Francis (Pa.) Red Flash and the Wisconsin-Eau Claire Bugolds.

Holy Wars: Earlham Hustlin' Quakers, Elon Fighting' Christians, Liberty Flames, Ohio Wesleyan Battling Bishops, St. Francis (Ill.)

Fighting' Saints and the Kenyon Lords.

By the Book: Rowan Profs and the Whittier Poets.

Big and Fast: The Tufts Jumbos and Akron Zips.

Upper Class: Albino Britons, Amherst Lord Jells, Heidelberg Student Princes and the Franklin and Marshall Diplomats.

Stating the Obvious: Muhlenberg Mules, Pace Setters, Gettysburg Bullets, St. John's (Minn.) Johnnies, St. Thomas (Minn.) Tommies, Washington and Jefferson Presidents, Washington and Lee Generals and the Wisconsin-Stephen Point Pointers.

Hotz in Space

The following little nugget is from the 1995 Notre Dame media guide. Irish coach Lou Holtz has tow items that were flown on the U.S. space shuttle Columbia by James Weatherbie, a '74 Notre Dame graduate and astronaut.

In his office, Holtz has a 1988 Notre Dame national championship bumper sticker that was carried on board Columbia, as well as a Notre Dame baseball hat.

No Thanks

Texas kicker Phil Dawson turned down an opportunity most guys would seize in a heartbeat: a night of wine, women and song at

the Playboy Mansion.

Dawson was selected to the Playboy All-America team after finishing his first season as the Longhorns' kicker. And while the 20-year-old student says he feels honored, he knew he would never be able to make the trip.

Dawson is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, often speaks to kids in Texas about the moral pitfalls in life.

"I want to set a good example," says Dawson. "I would hate to be considered a hypocrite."

Heisman Defense

The Heisman Trophy usually goes to college football's most outstanding player... on offense. But the University of Illinois believes it has a true Heisman contender in linebacker Simeon Rice, who won several games for the Illini last year with his aggressive play. Whether Heisman voters believe Rice is worthy of the trophy remains to be seen.

Other Heisman candidates are Tommie Frazier, Nebraska's quarterback; Leeland McElroy, running back at Texas A&M; Stephen Davis, Auburn running back; Keyshawn Johnson, wide receiver at USC and Ron Powlus, quarterback at Notre Dame.

Soccer looking for first win vs. Earlham

Rose-Hulman's soccer team suffered through a disappointing first week of the 1995 season, dropping its first three matches.

Head Coach Greg Ruark's Engineers will look to rebound this week when they host the University of Indianapolis in an 11:30 a.m. home match on Saturday.

The Engineers opened the '95 campaign with a 2-0 home loss to a much improved Marian College squad — a team that knocked off DePauw University earlier in the week.

Things didn't get any better for Rose-Hulman when they traveled to

Danville, Kentucky to compete in the Centre College Tournament.

Rose-Hulman was blanked by the hosts 3-0 on Saturday, and let a late 2-1 lead slip away in a loss to Transylvania University.

The senior combination of Gabe Ferland, and Robb McGhie teamed up for both of the Engineers' goals — the 35th and 36th goals of Ferland's career.

"We had the chance to win both games last weekend, but just flat out didn't get the job done," said Ruark.

"We have to develop some mental toughness and we've got to figure out a way to win a game," Ruark said.

Rifle team looking for a few good men and women

by Michael Ray
Head Rifle Coach

Many of you were probably not aware that Rose-Hulman has a varsity rifle team. Rifle is the only sport sanctioned by the NCAA where men and women from schools in all divisions compete equally against one another. Absolutely no previous shooting experience is required.

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All freshmen and sophomore men and women who may be interested in trying out for the rifle team should attend the tryout meeting that is being held on Wednesday, September 27, at 5 p.m. in the Auditorium. If you cannot make it or want more information, call Coach Ray at 234-4372.

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5. Wires! Wires! So many little wires!
4. "My Netscape Doesn't Work."
3. Not enough gratuitous media coverage of "going where only 15,000 other colleges have gone before."
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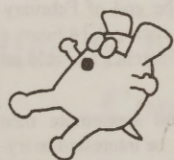
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